are believed to have owned and cultivated landed property in what is now Travancore from early times. The first title-deed for a coffee estate appears to have been granted to a European on the 16th February, 1866. The first title-deed for an estate to be opened by Travancoreans was granted on the 11th September, 1869.

Renewal of the Bridge across the Pazhayar at the 9th mile.

61. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the renewal of the platform of the bridge at the 9th mile across the Pazhayar, K. I. P. Division, has been begun;

(*b*) the dates on which the estimate was submitted to the Government and sanctioned; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the ryots of the surrounding places are put to difficulties for want of facilities for transporting manure, etc.?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No, as the estimate was sanctioned only recently.

(*b*) 16th June, 1927, and 7th July, 1927, respectively.

(*c*) Yes.

Preparation of Copies of Records.

62. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have fixed any maximum for the number of words to be written on each copying sheet in preparing attested copies of records in law courts, at the cost of applicants for the same;

(*b*) whether any minimum has been fixed for the number of words to be written on each such sheet; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reason why no such minimum is fixed?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether applicants for copies of records in law courts are very often put to great and unnecessary loss owing to the small number of words with which several copyists manage to fill up copying sheets?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to fix a minimum for the number of words to be written on each copying sheet?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) and (*b*) and (3) The member is referred to Rule 761 of the *Civil Courts Guide*.

(1) (*c*) In view of answer to part (1) (*b*), this does not arise.

(2) If the member will quote specific instances, the matter will be enquired into.

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